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" The Government have not, however, been able to do much to help the Harijans to construct houses on the sites allotted to them due to the paucity of funds. In four colonies in Madras City the Government themselves have constructed houses which are let out to Harijans."

Compounding of forest offences.

* 1170 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a part of the executive instructions to the forest officials empowered to compound offences under the Madras Forest Act, that a certain percentage of cases should be investigated by certain category of officers, and if so, what are the percentages so fixed as an irreducible minimum to different categories of officers; and

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to enforce observance by their officers of Government orders regarding the minimum percentages?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) According to the executive instructions issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests, 35 per cent of the cases have to be investigated by the Rangers and 5 per cent by the District Forest Officers.

" (*b*) The Conservators of Forests watch the result through the monthly returns of forest offences obtained from the District Forest Officers. The position is also reviewed in the Annual Administration Report of the Forest department."

Wynaad Colonization Scheme.

* 1171 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money spent on Wynaad Colonization Scheme up to 31st March 1953 since the scheme was started;

(*b*) of the moneys spent, how much was expended under the following heads :—

(1) Salary of officials;
(2) Buildings;
(3) Roads and Communications;
(4) Grant to Colonists; and
(5) Loan to Colonists.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) Rupees 75,70,384–6–7.

" (*b*) (1) Salary of officials—Rs. 16,34,056–9–5.

(2) & (3) Buildings, Roads and Communications—Rupees 11,19,354–7–0.

(4) Grant to Colonists—Rs. 28,25,745–9–6.

(5) Loan to Colonists—Rs. 5,17,991–4–0."